

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of:)	
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Creation of a Low Power Radio Service)	MM Docket No. 99-25
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Amendment of Service and Eligibility)	MB Docket No. 07-172
Rules for FM Broadcast Translator Stations)	

COMMENTS OF SOMALI AMERICAN COMMUNITY

Our organization, the Somali American Community of Minneapolis, serves a large urban population with very little access to media or information in our language. More than 100,000 Somali people live in Minnesota, with more than 50,000 in the Twin Cities.

We welcome Somali immigrants to this country, helping them to settle, go to school, and get the services they need. We run afterschool programs and partner with other organizations to do health education on issues such as asthma and diabetes. We have helped more than 200 Somali immigrants gain their citizenship. We also introduce recent immigrants to their neighborhoods, and teach them how to participate in the decision-making structures in their new community.

We organized our community to help pass the Local Community Radio Act, and we have been working towards a radio license for the past two years. We are a registered non-profit and we meet the requirements to apply for a low power station. Between a few members of our organization, we have more than 20 or 30 years of radio experience in Somali.

Recently we purchased time on a local AM station to reach our community with Somali language broadcasting. However, one or two hours a week is not enough time to inform and educate our community and help them to have a better life in this country. We have been in touch with the FCC for the past two years trying to find a way to reach our community with radio.

Somalis are not the only immigrant group in Minneapolis who needs this resource. Latino and Hmong organizations are also trying to use radio to reach their communities. We think there are enough commercial radio stations. We need more community radio, not only for us but for many other organizations like ours.

We support the FCC's plan to save channels for low power community radio in the Twin Cities. And we support the Prometheus Radio Project and their plan to make sure channels are available in urban areas. We ask the FCC to do everything possible to allow more community radio in our city and in other cities which need this important tool.

Respectfully,

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